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SUBJECT: R/V'S ROBERT D. CONRAD AND MOANA WAVE CLEARANCE
REQUEST, 12 OCT - 21 NOV 1977

REF: (A) CARACAS 7830 (B) STATE 182150

1. DEPT. HAS CONTACTED DR. MANIK TALWANI AT LAMONT-DOHERTY, CONCERNING INFO PROVIDED REFTEL A PARA 1. DR. TALWANI DISCLAIMS THAT RESEARCH IN COLOMBIAN PORTION HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND IS PERPLEXED BY ISSUE RAISED BY INTERAMERICAN GEODETIC SURVEY OFFICE. THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT SEISMIC RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED IN COLOMBIAN AREA BY VARIOUS INSTITUTES AND COMPANIES, BUT IF IT WAS, IT IS IN NO REPEAT NO WAY CONNECTED TO THE RESEARCH PROGRAM DESCRIBED REFTEL (B).

2. SHIP TRACKS PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF REFTEL, WHICH
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EMBASSY SHOULD NOW HAVE, INDICATE SURVEY AREAS CLEARLY IN COLOMBIAN AREA AS WELL AS VENEZUELAN AREA. EVEN THOUGH BOUNDARY DISPUTE EXISTS THERE IS CLEARLY A BASIS TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO PROCEED WITH CLEARANCE AS PROVIDED REFTEL B, FULLY DESCRIBING RESEARCH PLAN AND OBJECTIVES. RESEARCH IS PURELY SCIENTIFIC IN NATURE WITH NO INTENT,

ACCIDENTAL OR OTHERWISE, OF EXPLOITING PETROLEUM RESOURCES.

3. REALIZING SHORT TIME REMAINING EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT REQUEST ASAP. DEPT. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING MORE DETAILS CONCERNING INTERAMERICAN GEODETIC SURVEY OFFICE CLAIM THAT THIS RESEARCH HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. ADDITIONALLY, SOME INFORMATION ON PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, AND NATURE OF GEODETIC SURVEY OFFICE WOULD BE USEFUL. CHRISTOPHER

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